



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 12, 2006

### **H.R. 4894**

#### **A bill to provide for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 25, 2006*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4894 would result in no significant net cost to the federal government. The bill could affect direct spending and receipts, but we estimate that any effects would be insignificant. H.R. 4894 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 4894 would permit states to request that the Attorney General conduct fingerprint-based background checks using national crime databases for individuals employed by, under consideration for employment by, or volunteering for schools or educational agencies. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) would collect a fee of \$24 to carry out each background check. These fees would be classified as offsetting collections and spent from the FBI's salaries and expenses account, mostly during the year in which they are collected. Thus, the net impact on that agency's spending would not be significant.

H.R. 4894 would establish criminal fines for the improper release of information gathered during background checks conducted under the bill's provisions. CBO estimates that any additional collections of fines would not be significant because of the relatively small number of additional cases likely to be affected. Criminal fines are recorded as revenues, deposited in the Crime Victims Fund, and subsequently spent without further appropriation.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.